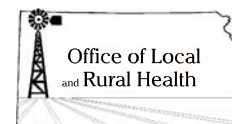




PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTIONS

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KALHD Presents "HIPAA Privacy and Security" Trainings

The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments will present "HIPAA Privacy and Security – an Implementation Plan and 'Handbook' for Kansas Local Health Departments" at two sites in January. The presenter will be Martha Ross, Attorney at Law with the firm of Foulston-Siefkin, LLP. The audience sought for these trainings are local health department administrators/ directors/staff, HIPAA privacy officers, KDHE and other local health department "business associates." There will be **no charge** for this training. (A continental breakfast is included. Lunch will be provided on-site and is to be paid for by attendee.) Local health departments will be eligible for travel cost reimbursement from the KHF continuing education grant. Certificates of attendance and nursing continuing education forms will be available.

The dates and locations for these trainings will be Thursday, January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, **OR** Friday, January 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fort Hays State University Union Ballroom, Hays.

Participants completing this course will be able to:

1. Describe the role of local health departments in assuring compliance of protected health information within their organization
2. Outline framework of collaboration and coordination for cost-efficient HIPAA Privacy Regulation implementation.
3. Avoid "re-inventing the wheel" through understanding and implementation of the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments HIPAA Handbook.
4. Describe impact of the proposed HIPAA Security Policy on local health department activities.

Registration for the training is a must! You may e-mail Deb Nickels at nickelsfarms@yahoo.com or fax her at (785) 863-3465 by Friday, January 10, 2003.

Hotel room reservations for the Wichita Holiday Inn Select must be made two weeks in advance. Call (316) 686-7131. In Hays, the Hays Holiday Inn, 3603 Vine, (785) 625-7371 or Comfort Inn Suites, 1001 E 41st, (785) 625-9322 or (800) 228-5150. ■

Smallpox Information Resources

The CDC has developed a web-based resource kit, which contains the most current information about smallpox. This resources kit includes a number of materials that can be directly reproduced or may assist with the development of community-targeted materials. (Note: this kit links to only a partial listing of resources available on the CDC Smallpox Site. More resources can be found in the "In-Depth Information and Resources" section of the website.) The Resources Kit can be found at <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/reference/resource-kit.asp>. Please bookmark this web address and refer to it often.

The CDC will continue to update all Internet and resource material as necessary. Additional key sites:

Smallpox Home: <http://www.cdc.gov/smallpox>

Smallpox Basics Index:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/basics/>

Smallpox Basics Index in Spanish:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/basics/espanol/> ■

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Public Health Personnel Update

Amy Biel, who has been acting as PHIX project manager during the past few months, will transfer this responsibility to the Health Alert Network coordinator, **Mary Rapp**, effective Monday, December 16. Effective on Monday, December 16, please direct all your questions on PHIX to Mary Rapp (phix@kdhe.state.ks.us, 785-296-6552). She will either assist you or direct you to someone who can help you.

Allan Humphrys has resigned as the administrator of the Leavenworth County Health Department. He has joined the Ambulance Service in Topeka as their Education Coordinator. **Pam Seay, RN, BSN**, is Acting Administrator for the Leavenworth County Health Department. Pam has been the Family Planning Coordinator, Communicable Disease Coordinator for the health department. ■

Regional Public Health Meetings

The 2003 Regional Public Health Nurse Meetings will include a speaker from the Bureau for Children, Youth, and Families to discuss the grant process for 2004. Debbie Nichols, RN, will also attend these meetings to discuss the KAHLD HIPPA Project and provide technical service.

Southeast Kansas: February 6, Holiday Park, Chanute.

Northwest Kansas: February 13, Oakley, at the Colonial Steak House, I-170 & Exit 70.

North Central Kansas: February 25.

Northeast Kansas: March 13, Topeka.

Southwest Kansas: March 21, Ford County Health Department, Dodge City.

South Central Kansas: March 26, Hutchinson.

More details will be in next month's issue of *Connections*. ■

* What's New *

KIPHS Update

Pete Kitch

In December I was a part of a team presentation to the Turning Point National Program Office on the Kansas Turning Point implementation grant project. Our portion involved the pilot project involving electronic submittal of MCH/FP visit forms from KIPHS sites to the KDHE MCH data warehouse. The ability to upload data directly from KIPHS to KDHE was envisioned as a key component of our original project plan for the development of an integrated public health information system in Kansas.

The presentation gave me the opportunity to reflect on our original goals and our progress to date. I was pleasantly surprised with our progress. We are now capable of exchanging immunization information with registries utilizing the CDC's standards for HL7 transactions. When the Kansas immunization registry is rebuilt we will be in a position to backload all the local data into it, and exchange data with it. We are testing our interface at the current time with the Wisconsin Immunization Registry and lessons learned there will help streamline our work in Kansas. The MCH/ FP project has given us the opportunity to work out the details involved in interfacing KIPHS with a KDHE data warehouse. We have completed and tested the required code in KIPHS as well as building the data warehouse software that operates within KDHE. Even though the Turning Point project was only intended as a demonstration, we believe we have built the framework for uploading virtually any program information from KIPHS. The lessons learned during this project will make it much easier for KIPHS and KDHE to build future interfaces of interest as funding becomes available. ■

"What Can I Do to Help My Country?"

You weren't alone. Many health care providers asked the same question. While our nation was in a "reacting" mode during the last quarter of 2001, **Office of Emergency Response (OER)** was and continues to be in a "planning" mode.

As such, OER is developing the National Pharmacist Response Teams (NPRTs) and National Nurse Response Teams (NNRTs) which will be used to assist in chemotherapy or vaccination of hundreds of thousands or millions of Americans, or in another scenario requiring hundreds of pharmacists and nurses. Team members will be enrolled in the National Disaster Medical System. NPRT or NNRT volunteers will be paid when activated, reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses, and have liability coverage outside their state of licensure. The Joint Commission of Pharmacist Practitioners will sponsor NPRTs and the American Nurses Association sponsors the NNRTs.

To join an NNRT or NPRT:

- a. Complete the application forms on our website by going to <http://www.oep-ndms.dhhs.gov/NDMS> then on "Download Forms." You will find the "Application package for non-federal individuals" or the "Application package for Federal Employees." If you are currently a federal

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employee, make the second choice; otherwise, select the application package for non-federal individuals. Download the forms under that selection. The link to the non-federal application packet is http://www.oep-ndms.dhhs.gov/NDMS/Downloads/NonFED_Forms_v1.pdf

- b. Mail the completed forms to the Administrative Officer for the team in your region of the country (see Table 1). NNRT and NPRT members are to complete web-based training programs, stay current in treatment recommendations for diseases compatible with weapons of mass destruction, participate in a yearly training exercise, and be available to deploy when needed. Although this scenario has not occurred to date, it is our hope that you and your profession will be ready; and
- c. Include a digital photo of yourself, with a white background, in jpeg format.

Again, thank you for your interest in this critical endeavor to support the needs of American citizens.

RADM John Babb, Assistant Surgeon

General

CDR Angela Martinelli, RN, DNS,

Office of Emergency Response

amartinelli@osophs.dhhs.gov ☐

MCH Services Grants, SFY 2004

When local health department staff receive their KDHE Grant Application Guidelines for SFY 2004, they will notice some changes in the MCH Grants section to reflect national direction in the organization and delivery of maternal and child health services. Hopefully, the changes will allow for additional flexibility for local agencies in addressing their priority local needs while at the same time allocating funds wisely towards the critical areas of: infrastructure, population-based services, enabling services, and direct services. The SFY 2004 Grant/Contract Reporting Instructions for MCH will remain essentially unchanged. Details about the new wording for the MCH Grants will be provided in the upcoming Regional Meetings. ☐

Spanish Language Resource from NIOSH

NIOSH has released some ergonomic information printed in Spanish which may help prevent injuries. It may be accessed at the following address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/simplesol.html>

The name of this update is "Soluciones Simples: Ergonomia Para Trabajadores Agricolas" or "Simple Solutions: Ergonomics for Farm Workers." ☐

Resource for Restaurant Nutrition Information

Diabetics and those just interested in better nutrition may want to try this website:

<http://206.246.185.85/diabetes/restaurant.html>

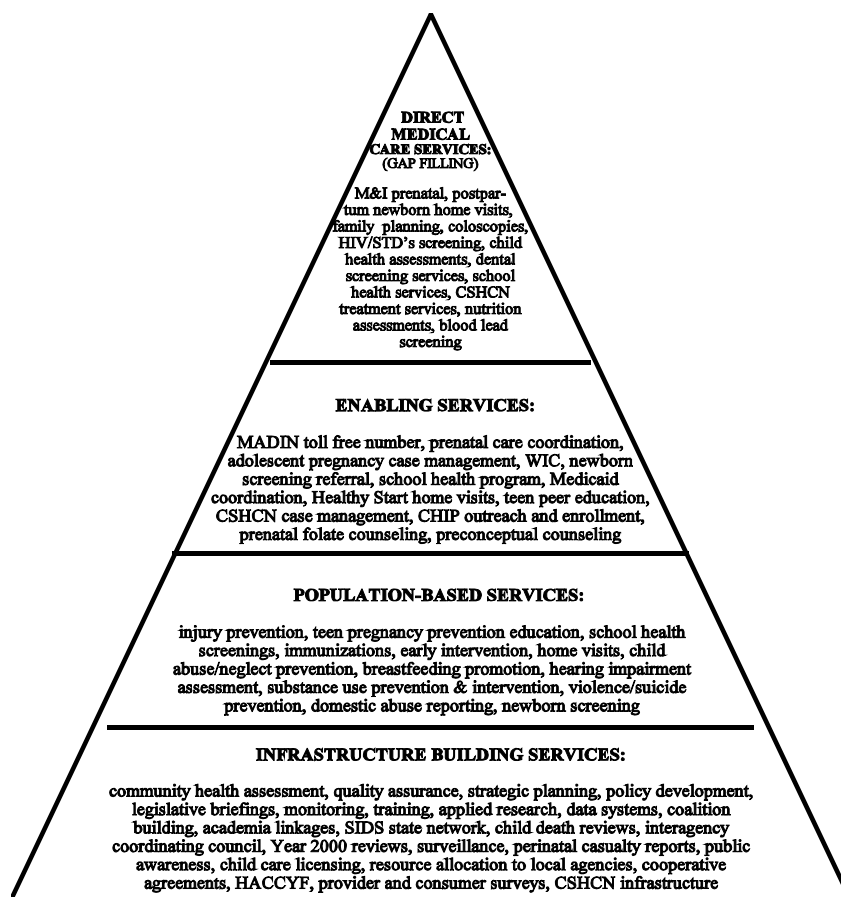
This site contains nutrition information on the menu items offered by many popular restaurants and fast food outlets. ☐

* EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES *

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GENERAL WORKSHOPS

“Tuberculosis Update” Every health department is encouraged to send at least one nurse to this workshop that will provide current information regarding prevention, rapid identification, initiation of appropriate treatment and state reporting requirements for tuberculosis. The KDHE TB Program feels this training is so important that they are providing one free registration to every health department. This program is also being offered at multiple sites for the convenience of the local health departments. The fee for other nurses is \$30.00 if the registration and payment are postmarked no later than five working days before the program (the registration includes lunch, refreshments and handout materials).

The dates and locations for these trainings are as follows:

January 22, 2003 – Northwest Community Center, 615 West Birch, Arkansas City, Kansas

January 23, 2003 – Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy, 2025 East Iron, Salina, Kansas

January 29, 2003 – Pittsburg State University, Department of Nursing, Pittsburg, Kansas

To register:

For the Hays and Salina sites, make check payable and mail registration to NW AHEC, 217 E 32nd, Hays, Kansas 67601.

For the Lawrence, Arkansas City, and Pittsburg sites, make check payable and mail registration to REK AHEC, PO Box 296, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762.

Medical Interpreter Training —

Wichita, February 10-11, February 19-21, KU School of Medicine, 1010 N Kansas, Wichita, Kansas.

Topeka, March 20-21/March 26-28, 2003.

Garden City, April 7-8/April 16-18, 2003

Emporia, May 12-13/May 16-18, 2003

Great Bend, June 2-3/June 11-13, Job Service Center (2nd Floor), Extension of Barton County Community College, 1025 Main, Great Bend, Kansas.

Salina, July 17-18/July 23-25, 2003.

If you have questions or would like an application for the Medical Interpreter Training being presented in your area, please call Gaby Flores at the Jewish Vocational Services, Kansas City, Missouri, at (816) 471-2808, ext 124. For additional questions or concerns, please contact Anita Hodge, KDHE at (785) 368-8110.

“Management of Hazardous Materials Incidents,” January 6-8, Hays Medical Center, Hadley Conference Rooms, 2220 Canterbury, Hays, Kansas. Twenty-four contact hours for RN and LPN re-licensure. To register, phone (785) 623-5500 or (800) 248-0073, ext. 5500. ■

Public Health Training Network Satellite Broadcasts

See PHTN website www.cdc.gov/phtn for a complete list of satellite programs, videostream programs, audio programs and web-based programs. Call Linda Frazier, PHNS, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 for assistance in finding or scheduling a site.

The U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command presents Biological & Chemical Warfare & Terrorism “Advanced Topics on Medical Defense Against Biological and Chemical Agents” Part 2 of 6 – **Topic to be announced.** Several sites are scheduled to downlink in Kansas. For more information, visit the program information page at:

<http://www.biomedtraining.org/proginfo.htm>

or e-mail questions to help@biomedtraining.org

DESKTOP LEARNING — WEBCASTS

You will need: Real Player, a sound card, and speakers.

Webcasts are available to view from the PHTN website:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN//calendar.asp#Video>
[Web Streaming](#)

SELF-STUDY MODULES AVAILABLE NOW AT PHTN:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN//catalog.asp>

To order tapes/CDs —

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

NURSING EDUCATION —

ANA's website: www.RNCE.org

Ft. Hays Nursing: www.fhsu.edu/nursing

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program— www.ku.edu/schools. Click on School of Nursing.

Washburn Public Health Nursing Certification

Program: e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at

zzdnwl@washburn.edu

CONTINUING EDUCATION ONLINE —**KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:**

www.kdhe.state.ks.us Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings: www.trainingfinder.org

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

MPH Kansas: www.kumc.edu/wichita/dept/pm/mph.html

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

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National Library of Medicine: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>

CDC Training: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center:

<http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare/>

Training Finder Comprehensive database:

<http://www.trainingfinder.org>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www2.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare/>

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:

<http://www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Emergency Response Core Competencies for all**Public Health Workers:**

<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/nursing/institute-centers/chphsr/ERMain.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on**Linkages Between Academia and Public Health****Practice:**

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp> 

KPHEIL LIBRARY —

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/library/listing.html>.

Over 100 of the fact sheet titles are available to download on specific health and environmental issues. Go to:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/health-info/> 

WEBSITES —**SMALLPOX:**

To read more on the disease:


<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox>

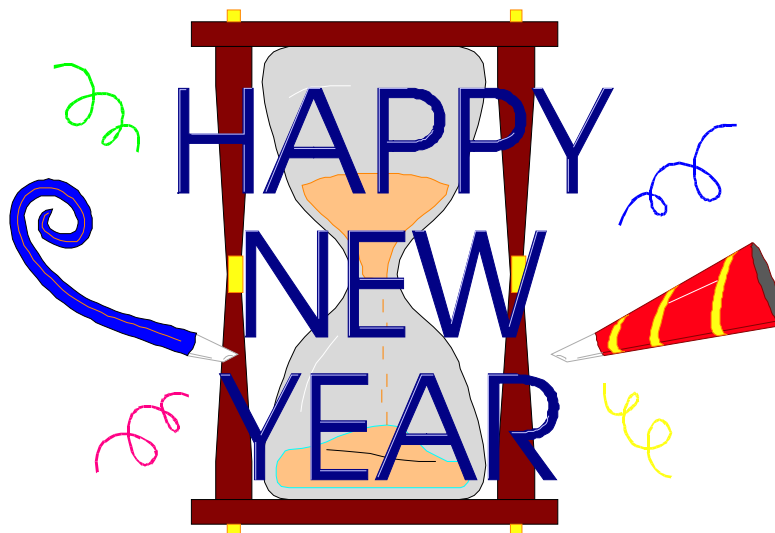
To read more on the vaccine:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/facts.asp>

To read more on medical conditions that make pre-vaccination inadvisable, visit

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/contraindications-public.asp>

Persons interested in participating in an ongoing clinical trial can obtain additional information at www.clinicaltrials.gov. 



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